

## Missouri River Event of 2011 Daily Update

Saturday, July 17, 2011 City of Council Bluffs Public Information Office 612-741-2000

**Our Objective:** Ensure safety of residents, responders, civilians and guests in our community.

### **Notices:**

The City of Council Bluffs is at Alert Level 1. Unchanged from yesterday.

Area residents should be aware of the potential for disaster-related scams and price gouging. For information, visit the Iowa Attorney General's website at: <a href="https://www.lowaAttorneyGeneral.gov">www.lowaAttorneyGeneral.gov</a>.

## Situation Update:

No major levee/flood incidents were reported yesterday or last night (July 16, 2011).

According to the USGS, river flow was 34.98 feet at 6:15 a.m. 7/17/2011 (up 0.30 feet from yesterday at 6:00 a.m.) (current flow 184,000 cfs)

### **Current Issues/Projects:** Several major projects City staff is currently working on include:

- Mowing operations on the levees is anticipated to assist with continuing inspections.
- The City continues to work on installation of a bar screen on the new N 28<sup>th</sup> Street temporary storm water pump station. Once completed, the station will operational.
- The two 33,200 GPM pumps for the Twin City pump station were successfully installed Friday.

## National Weather Service Forecast (Omaha – Eppley Airfield):

<u>Today</u>: Sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Heat index values as high as 113. South wind between 8 and 13 mph. Heat is expected to hold across the region through at least the middle of next week with an upper ridge entrenched across the region. The daytime heat index will range from 105 to 115 through the period.

Monday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. Heat index values as high as 114. South southwest wind between 8 and 10 mph. Low around 78.

Tuesday: Sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind between 7 and 10 mph. Low around 82

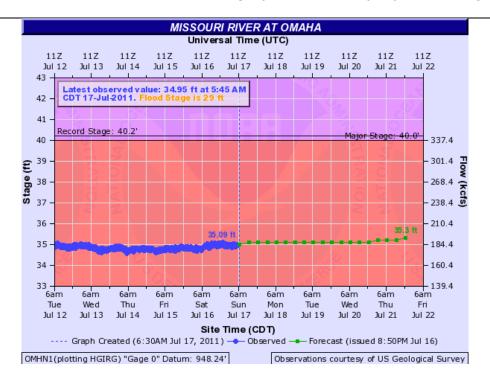
## Missouri River and Levee Statistics at I-480 Station

Flood Stage-29 feet

**Levee Height-41 feet** 

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River forecasts indicate the river will remain at slightly above 35 feet by July 22, 2011 (slight increase)



# Volunteer Sandbagging Opportunities:

One hundred fifty-two (152) volunteers and City staff filled 8,460 sandbags Saturday, July 16, 2011 at the Mid-America Center. The City has a current inventory of 137,745 sandbags on 3,061 pallets.

The City will be changing sandbagging operations for the week. Volunteers are needed Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to Noon to fill sandbags at the Mid America Center. *No sandbagging is scheduled for Monday.* Please wear closed toe shoes: no flip flops or sandals. VOLUNTEERS MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE CALL 712-325-4736

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## Other sites of interest:

Latest City - County Daily Briefing:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CL8XdzT0iR8

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Missouri River Watch:

http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/html/op-e/flood2011/riverwatch.html